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### WELCOME!

Semiannual Meeting Between
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and
BG Larry Davis, South Pacific Division

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### **AGENDA**

- Introductions
- Perchlorate
- Homeland Security
- TCE
- Review and wrap-up
- Tour SPD EOC





#### **PERCHLORATE**

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#### **PERCHLORATE**

- Growing concern
- · Status of regulatory controls
  - Interagency efforts
  - State and Federal standards
- DoD policy
  - Assessment
  - Support NAS review
- State and Congressional interest





#### **PERCHLORATE**



- · Santa Clarita
  - Congressional mandate
  - Regional water quality issue
- Middle Santa Ana River
  - Inland Empire local concerns
  - Evidence of regional contamination
  - Multiple sites
  - Solutions focused on individual site

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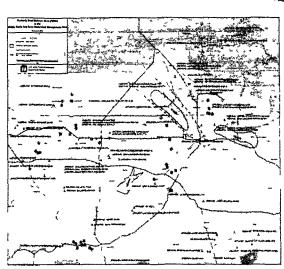
### **PERCHLORATE**



#### Middle Santa Ana River basin

- Multiple potential sources
- Multiple databases

   not necessarily
   shared
- What is hydrologic condition of entire basin?
- Interaction among sources/plumes?







#### **PERCHLORATE**

- Opportunity:
  - Middle Santa Ana River basin
  - Federal partnership (EPA and USACE lead) that applies combined authorities to address regional water quality issue in a collaborative and holistic manner

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#### **PERCHLORATE**



- · Benefits:
  - A regional solution, rather than piecemeal
  - Addresses interactions
  - Potentially less costly
  - Potentially more timely
  - Better use of government resources





# Homeland Security

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#### Overview



America's Preparedness to Prevent and Respond to Terrorism

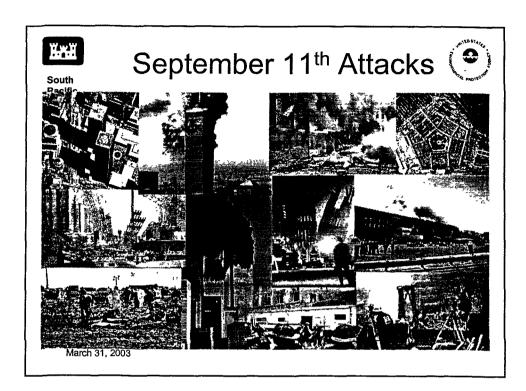
- Initial Challenges for the Department of Homeland Security
- Homeland Security Challenges for Existing USACE Mission Areas
- USACE Focus and Capabilities to Support Homeland Security
- USACE Role in Homeland Security The Way



# Homeland Security Defined



Homeland Security is a Concentrated National Effort to Prevent Terrorist Attacks within the United States, Reduce America's Vulnerability to Terrorism, and Minimize the Damage and Recover from Attacks that do Occur.





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# Homeland Security Truths



- Today's Terrorist can Strike at any Place, at any Time, and with Virtually any Weapon
- Securing the American Homeland is a Challenge of Monumental Scale and Complexity
- This is an Exceedingly Complex Mission that Requires Coordinated and Focused Effort from our Entire Society – Federal Government, State and Local Governments, the Private Sector, and the American People
- The U.S. Government has no more Important Mission



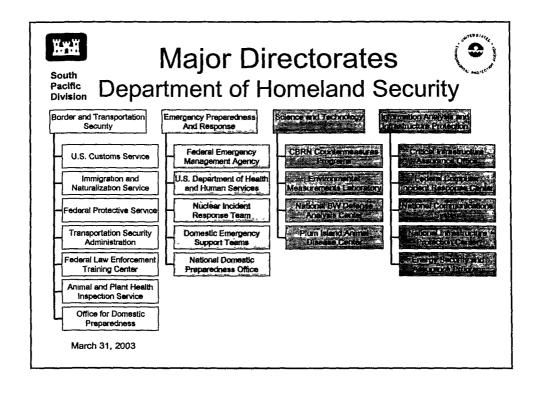
### Department of Homeland



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Security Strategy Principles

- Requiring Responsibility and Accountability
- Mobilizing Our Entire Society
- Managing Risk and Allocating Resources Judiciously
- Seeking Opportunity out of Adversity
- Fostering Flexibility
- Measuring Preparedness
- Sustaining Efforts over the Long Term
- Constraining Government Spending





# Initial Challenges



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#### Department of Homeland Security

- · Effectively Integrating 22 Agencies
- Resources
- Completing both Security and Non-Security Missions
- Effectively Working with the Private Sector
- Providing National Program for Infrastructure Security and Information Sharing
- Establishing Partnering Relationships with Federal, State, and Local Agencies
- Ability to Effectively Respond to the Next Event
- Measuring Effectiveness of First Responder Programs

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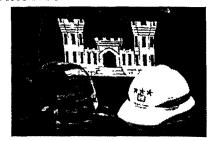
# **US Army Corps of Engineers**



The world's premier public engineering organization responding to our Nation's needs in peace and war

A full spectrum engineer force of high quality, dedicated soldiers and civilians:

- Trained and Ready
- ·Vital Part of The Army
- Dedicated to Public Service
- Army Values-Based
- Mr. Ed Hecker selected as USACE SES for OHS March 31, 2003

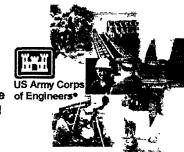


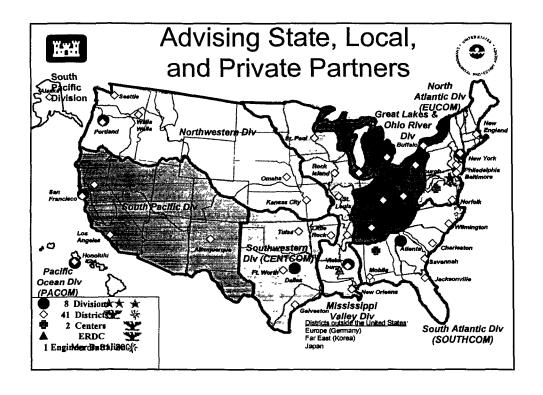


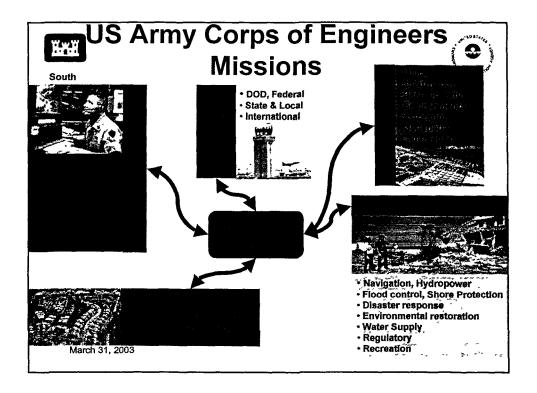
# Commander's Intent - USACE ( ) Homeland Security Program

Integrate and guide Corps-wide activities to more fully support the Homeland Security needs of our nation—and the President's National Homeland Security Strategy thru three tracks:

- Protect and Ready the Nation to Respond
- Improve the Corps' own Homeland Security Posture
- Provide Security/Technical Expertise to DHS, other Federal Agencies, and State and Local Governments









#### **USACE** Challenges



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- Redefining Federal and Non-federal Customer/Partnering Relationships
- Defining USACE Office of Homeland Security (UHSO) Organizational Structure
- Expansion of USACE Emergency Authority & Programs to All-Hazards
- Protecting USACE Physical and Human Capital Resources
- Capturing Long-term Leadership (Internal/External) Commitment to UHSO
- Establishing UHSO Operational Procedures (Internally/Externally)
- Being a Homeland Security Learning Organization
- Determining and Meeting the Needs and Expectations of USACE Stakeholders

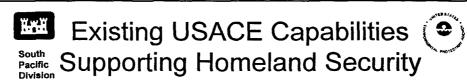


# USACE Focusing on Homeland Security

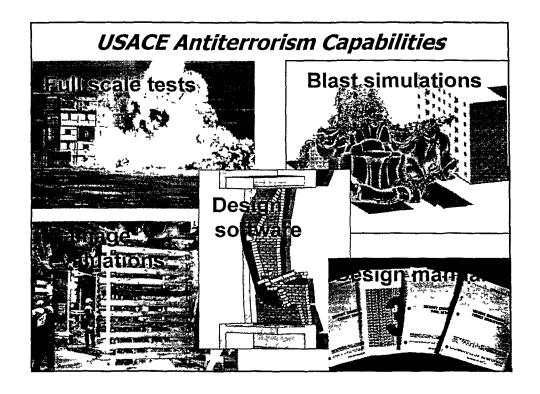


- Emergency Preparedness and Response
- Border and Transportation Security
- Infrastructure Protection
- Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear Countermeasures
- Coordination/Collaboration with State, Local, and Private Partners
- Supporting the Army, DOD and other agencies
- Mitigation

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- Field Force Engineering
- Security Engineering Expertise
- Risk Assessment
- · Infrastructure Security
- Interagency Services
- Emergency Preparedness and Response
- · Research and Development
- Centers of Expertise
- Water Resources Development
- · Support DOD/Army and other agencies
- Environmental Response RRR





## USACE - The Way Ahead



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- Serve as the Principle Security Engineer for Domestic Water Resources Infrastructure
- Provide Vital Support to DOD and National Critical Infrastructure
- · Lead in All-Hazards Public Works and Engineering
- Develop Critical HS Technical Engineering Needs
- Provide Essential Support Role in Border and Transportation Engineering
- Improve Interagency Homeland Security Communication and Info Sharing
- Protect USACE Critical Infrastructure
- Upgrade Internal USACE Homeland Security Tools and Techniques
- Improve USACE Homeland Security Technical Engineering Capacity





# Q&A

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# Review & Wrap-up

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## **TOUR**

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